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By Regular U.S. Mail & Certified Mail No. 7019 1640 0001 1131 9950

Althea D. Cosby
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RE: *United States v. Tomas Hailemariam*
Criminal Case No. 2:22-cr-109

Dear Ms. Cosby:

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, has ordered that certain property be forfeited to the United States. Enclosed, please find a copy of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture entered in the above-referenced case which describes the property subject to forfeiture and the intent of the United States to dispose of the property.

Based on a review of firearm trace records held by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the United States is aware that you previously purchased the Smith & Wesson-manufactured, model Bodyguard, .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number KDN7520, that is subject to forfeiture in this case.

You are hereby given notice of this forfeiture and of your right to assert an interest in the property subject to forfeiture. This notice letter is intended only to inform you of your rights. Service of this notice letter in no way is intended to imply that the United States believes that you have a valid interest in the forfeited property or that you may legally possess the forfeited property.

If you wish to assert a legal interest in the property which has been ordered forfeited to the United States, you may, within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice letter, petition the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of your alleged interest in the property. The procedure for filing a petition is set forth more fully in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n). In accordance with Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n), the petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title or interest in the property, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought.

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Your petition must be filed in the above case name and number with the United States District Court, c/o Office of the Clerk, 85 Marconi Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio 43215. You must also send a copy of the petition and any other document you file with the Office of the Clerk to Kenneth L. Parker, United States Attorney, Attention: Asset Forfeiture Unit, 303 Marconi Boulevard, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

If you do not wish to assert an interest in any of the property identified for forfeiture in this case and described in the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, no action is necessary. Please be aware that failure to file a petition within 30 days of receipt of this direct notice will result in the property being forfeited to the United States.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH L. PARKER
United States Attorney



S. COURTER SHIMEALL
Assistant United States Attorney

Enclosure

Attorney's Office
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